

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00572-CRC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper

Case: 1:17-cv-00916-CRC

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**

Date Filed: 03/01/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5975341) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Case related to Case No. 17-916. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/8/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/7/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/8/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/8/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of

		Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James O. Bickford on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Bickford, James) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Bickford, James) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by April 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/9/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/23/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/23/2019	<u>8</u>	JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULE <i>Proposing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Bickford, James) Modified event title on 4/25/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 04/23/2019)
04/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Proposed Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant shall provide its response to the FOIA request at issue by May 17, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a proposed schedule for further proceedings by June 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/25/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 5/17/2019. Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 6/5/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>10</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (ztd); (See docket entry no. <u>9</u> to view.) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
07/25/2019		VACATED PURSUANT TO MINUTE ORDER ENTERED 9/9/2019.....MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> joint status report and proposed briefing schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that summary judgment briefing shall proceed as follows: Defendant's motion for summary judgment shall be filed by September 9, 2019; Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment shall be filed by October 14, 2019; Defendant's opposition and reply shall be filed by November 11, 2019; and Plaintiff's reply shall be filed by December 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/25/2019. (lccrc1) Modified on 9/9/2019 (zlsj). (Entered: 07/25/2019)
07/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 9/9/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/14/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 11/11/2019. Replies due by 12/2/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION to Vacate <i>Briefing Schedule</i> , Consent MOTION for Leave to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bickford, James) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion to Vacate the Briefing Schedule and granting <u>11</u> Motion for Leave to File. The parties are ORDERED to file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings on or before October 15, 2019. In their joint status report, the parties are instructed to address whether Judicial Watch v. Department of Justice, No. 19-cv-572 (CRC) should be consolidated with Judicial Watch v. Department of Justice, No. 17-cv-916 (CRC). Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/9/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
09/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/15/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that cases 19-cv-572 and 17-cv-916 are CONSOLIDATED pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a). All future filings in these cases shall

		be made on the docket of case 17-cv-916. The parties are further ORDERED to file a joint status report proposing a summary judgment briefing schedule, if necessary, by December 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/23/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
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